levy of toll on bridges in Gujarat during the last three years is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Total revenue
1992-93	356.48
1993-94	496.27
1994-95	513.13

No other taxes are levied on National Highways.

(c) to (e) The allocation from the permanent bridge fee fund are made state-wise and not district-wise. Subject to the availability of funds, the allocation to various States is to be equal to the fees collected in the respective states reduced by collection charges not exceeding 12% of the total collection within the state. The allocation made to State Government of Gujarat are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation
1992-93	200.00
1993-94	200.00
1994-95	1448.00

Supply of M-11 Missiles by China to Pakistan

1591. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report captioned "U. S. says it has proof of M-11 sale to Pakistan" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 30th July, 1995; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have shared with friendly countries, including the US, its assessment that confirms the acquisition of M-11 missiles and launchers by Pakistan. Government has kept a careful watch on developments regarding this matter and remain committed to taking all necessary measures for safeguarding India's security.

Meeting of the US Assistant Secretary with Indian Leaders

1592. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting of US Assistant Secretary for South Asia with some known political figures of the country has any special significance especially just after Brown Amendment releasing arms embargo on Pakistan; and

(b) whether this act does not violate diplomatic decency?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a) No, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

Refilling Boxes Provided by Bharat Petroleum in Delhi

1593. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Petroleum has installed boxes at large number of places in Delhi providing for refilling of LPG. cylinders through such boxes;

(b) if so, the locations thereof with details of services provided and criteria to avail of these services through such boxes by the consumers;

(c) whether installation of such boxes has also been made at other places in the country;

(d) if so, their locations district-wise;

(e) whether Government propose to expand such service in future and ask other oil Companies to provide similar service to their consumers;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) A list of locations where Bharat petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has installed LPG Refill Indent Boxes is given in the statement (*see* below 61A).

The Refill Indent Boxes have been installed by BPCL at various public places i.e. Railway Stations, Markets, Bus Terminals, Milk Booths, Gardens etc. The name of the distributor is painted clearly on these boxes so that their customers can deposit their duly filled-in indent slips for their refills. For this purpose, the customers are provided booklets of Indent slips by the concerned distributor free of cost. The refill indent slips are then collected from the boxes by a representative of the distributor on a daily basis for further action on refill deliveries. By virtue of this facility, customers who do not have telephone facility need not go to the distributorship for registering their refill requests. However, all customers of the distributors whose Refill Indent Boxes have been installed can avail of this facility.

(e) and (f) At present Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited have provided refill order boxes at the showrooms of distributors in Delhi. Refill boxes have been provided to facilitate customers for booking their refills even during the non working hours of the distributors. However, IOC has no plans to expand this facility at other locations in the market due to operational constraints.

Statement

List of Location where refill indent boxes have been Installed:—Noida/ Delhi/Other Places

1. Sector 15, OIC Petrol Pump, Near Sagar Restaurant, Noida.

2. Sector 27, Mother Dairy, Noida.

3. Sector 37, Lal Market, Noida.

4. Sector 26, Mother Dairy, Noida.

5. Sector 14, Market Opp. Noida Sweets.

6. Sector 29, Brahmaputra Complex Mother Dairy, Noida.

7. Sector 15-A, Green View Apartments, Noida.

8. Sector 19-A, Block, Mother Dairy, Noida.

9. Sector 40, C Block, Mother Dairy, Noida.

10. Sector 31, B-Block, Mother Dairy, Noida.

11. Sector 17, Opp. Bhel Colony, Noida.

12. Sector 30, NMC Noida.

13. Geeta Apartments, Geeta Colony.

14. Taj Appts., Shastri Nagar.

15. Tikona Park, Subhas Road Gandhi Nagar.

16. Kailash Nagar, Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Main Road.

17. Gita Colony, Near Gurudwara, 7 Block.

18. Sector 56, Opp. BPCL Complex, Noida.

19. Sector 55, Mother Dairy, Noida.

20. Sector 12, Mother Dairy, Noida.

21. Sector 34, Mother Dairy, Noida.

22. Sector 20, Mother Dairy, Noida.

23. Sector 21, Mother Dairy, Noida.

24. Sector 25, Mother Dairy, Noida.

25. Dr. Parvez Mik Kanti Nagar Extension.

26. Kanti Nagar, East Azad Nagar Chowk.

27. West Azad Nagar, Gali No. 3, Opp. Community Centre.

28. Raghubarpura No. 2, Near Ramlila Ground.

29. Krishna Nagar, Mother Dairy, D-Block Booth.

30. Patpar Road (Opp. Taneja Dairy)

31. Parwana Road, Bhopal Dixit Dairy, Krishna Nagar

32. Mother Dairy East Sagarpur, Janakpuri

33. Pradhan Chowk, Sadh Nagar

34. Mangolpuri Bus Terminal

35. Raj Nagar (Prajapati Brahmkumar Vidhyalaya)

36. Mahavir Enclave (Vetrinary Hospital)

37. Dabri Chowk Bus Stand

38. Mother Dairy, C-1-A Block, Janakpuri

39. Mother Dairy, C-4-E Block, Janakpuri

40. DMS Booth, C-4-D Block, Janakpuri

41. Mother Dairy, C-5 Block, Janakpuri

42. Sagarpur Bus Stand

43. Sarojini Nagar Market (Opp. Main Gate)

44. Laxmi Bai Nagar (Near Navyug School)

45. Palika Kunj, Karbala Chowk

46. East Kidwai Nagar Market

47. Netaji Nagar E Block Mother Dairy

48. Sujan Singh Park

49. Sunder Nagar Taxi Stand

50. Subramania Bharti Marg (Bapa Nagar Opp. Community Centre)

51. Kaka Nagar Market, Opp. IOC Petrol Pump

52. Mother Dairy, Anand Vihar

53. AGCR Enclave, Near Mother Dairy Booth

54. Vishwas Nagar (Gali Shastri Bus Stand)

55. Near Babu Ram School, Near Vishwas Nagar

56. East Arjun Nagar Main Road Near Karkardooma Chowk

57. Main Road Near Savit Vihar Mkt.

58. Vivek Vihar, B-Block Market

59. Radhey Puri, Near Office of Resident Welfare Association

60. Mother Dairy Sector 7, Rohini

61. Kohat Enclave, Near Canara Bank, Pitam Pura

62. Crossing of Sector 9 and Sector 13, Back Side of D.C. Chowk, Police Booth, Rohini

63. Sector 16, Near Aggarwal Sweets, Rohini

64. Between Deepali Enclave and Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura

65. C.D. Block, Pitampura

66. Income Tax Colony, Pitam Pura

67. Sharda Niketan Chowk, Bank Vihar, Saraswati Vihar

68. West Enclave, Triveni Apartments (Near Mangolpuri Chowk Close to Saraswati Chowk)

69. Sant Nagar Chowk, Rani Bagh

70. Mahendra Park Chowk, Aggarwal Sweets, Near Rani Bagh

71. Block U & V Market, Shalimar Bagh (Near Reserve Bank Colony)

72. DESU Colony, Shalimar Bagh, CC Block, Opp. Second Gate

73. A.C. Market Near AD Block Main Road, Shalimar Bagh

74. A.L. Market Mother Dairy Booth, Shalimar Bagh

75. DDA Flats BW Block, Shalimar Bagh Main Road

76. Murya Enclave Bank of Baroda, Pitampura

77. Jhankar Restaurant, K.G. Marg

78. Tansen Marg, Bengali Market

79. Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Near

BPC Petrol Pump, Opp. Bangla Sahib Gurudwara

80. Talkatora Road (Near Udhyan Marg Bus Terminal)

81. Mother Dairy Bihari Market, Kali Bari

82. Chuna Mandi, Paharganj

83. Laddu Ghatti, Paharganj

84. Mother Dairy, Basant Road

85. Mother Dairy, Minto Road, Govt. Press.

86. Rouse Avenue, Main Road (D-5)

87. Bhubaneswar (Orissa)

88. Alipore (West Bengal)

89. Viramgam (Gujarat)

90. Pilar (Goa)

Extinction of Great Indian Bustard

1594. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the great Indian bustard visually found in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh is on the verge of extinction;

(b) whether Government have identified the reasons for its extinction; and

(c) if so steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. However, the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) is an endangered species and occurs only in the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

(b) The major threats to the GIB population are habitat deterioration, disturbances due to growth of other animal populations like balack buck and grazing by sheep and changing cropping practices etc.

(c) the steps taken to protect the species and its habitat include:

(i) A network of national park and 6 sanctuaries have been established in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Gujarat which are known habitats of the bird.

(ii) Central assistance is given to the States whenever requested for improved management of these protected areas is received.

(iii) The GIB is included in Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 thereby receiving highest legal protection against hunting and commercial exploitation.

(iv) India is signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) which regulates the International trade in endangered species. This species is placed in Appendix I of the CITES.

Indo-UK Bilateral Relations

1595. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to promote Indo-UK bilateral ties;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether any official level discussions are proposed to be organised in the near future for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Prime Minister paid a visit to UK from 13-16 March 1994, the first Prime Ministerial visit from India since 1985. The visit marked a new era of relations between India and the UK, reinforcing trends towards a long term partnership based on mutual confidence and trust, shared values and mutual benefits. Prime Minister's interaction with British leaders provided basis for a broad consensus in